SS SCS SB 767 -- REGISTRY OF PERSONS WITH HEALTH-RELATED AILMENTS

SPONSOR: Schmitt (Diehl)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety by a vote of 12 to 0.

This bill allows any county, which includes the City of St. Louis, to create a voluntary registry of persons with health-related ailments to assist individuals in case of a disaster or emergency. It also specifies that names, addresses, and other personal identifying information used in a registry are not public records. If a disaster or emergency occurs that involves any person listed on the registry, an incident report must be made public.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill will help those most vulnerable when disaster strikes and potentially saves lives.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Schmitt; Michael Nickel; and St. Louis County Government.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.